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1. TURKISH DELEGATION CALLED US MAY 24 TO REQUEST ON BEHALF OF PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S TOAST AT MAY 30 WHITE HOUSE DINNER. IT HAS BEEN GENERALLY AGREED AMONG PERMREPS THAT ECEVIT AS HONORARY CHAIRMAN SHOULD RESPOND TO PRESIDENTIAL TOAST (SEE SEPTEL ON MAY 23 PERMREPS LUNCH). ACCORDING TO TURKISH DELEGATION, PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT NOW WISHES TO SEE TEXT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT HE MAY PREPARE HIS RESPONSE WHILE HE IS IN BURSSELS OVER NEXT SEVERAL DAYS (UNTIL MAY 29 PER REF B).

2. COMMENT: WE REALIZE THAT THERE MAY BE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN PROVIDING FINAL TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S MAY 30 DINNER TOAST TO ECEVIT. HOWEVER, IF PRELIMINARY TEXT OR GENERAL THRUST OF TOAST COULD BE FURNISHED, WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IN HELPING TO SHAPE ECEVIT'S REPLY IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION. END COMMENT.

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